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SUBJECT: TBILISI EMERGENCY ACTION COMMITTEE

¶1. (SBU) On November 2, 2007, Post convened the Emergency Action Committee (EAC) in response to threat information against Baku, to review our crisis preparedness status, and to discuss the implications for armed conflict between Russia and Georgia if and when the international community recognizes Kosovo as an independent nation in December 2007. In attendance were DCM, RSO, DAO, Legatt, Pol/Mil, MGT, Health Unit, Pol/Econ, PAO, CLO, USAID, PC, and CONS.

¶2. (SBU) In light of the terrorist threat information against the US Embassy Baku, the EAC determined that no known security implications for Tbilisi have resulted from come out of this matter. Since Tbilisi is a possible receiving post for neighboring posts under drawdown, the EAC asked RSO to contact Baku and Yerevan to discuss that possibility so that Post, to the extent possible, could accommodate such a request.

¶3. (SBU) The EAC conducted a line by line review of the items recommended by the 2007 crisis management training to ensure everything had been addressed. They agreed that newly-arrived Incident Commanders and Floor Wardens should meet to discuss their roles and responsibilities. RSO was tasked with sending a quarterly reminder to mission members to update contact information in the Emergency Action Plan.

¶4. (SBU) The EAC considered new locations for the alternate safe haven and command center. Currently, Post maintains the alternate safe haven and command center in the USAID building in the former chancery. USAID will relocate to the main chancery compound in 2008 so a new alternate safe haven and command center will soon be needed. Although no final determinations were made, several locations, such as the Quality School International, were discussed. The EAC agreed to consider alternate sites as they become known or available.

¶5. (SBU) The EAC revisited the issue of developing the capability of transmitting warden messages for US citizens in Georgia via commercial radio. It was not yet determined if a dedicated frequency or borrowed air time from an established local station would be the best option, but the new PAO was briefed and was supportive of this initiative.

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